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Case No. 5:16-cv-04942-LHK

**APPLE'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION**

TO PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on a date to be determined by the Court, as appropriate and convenient for the Court, Apple shall and hereby does move for an order granting Apple summary judgment and dismissing Plaintiffs' claims arising under: (1) Colorado Consumer Protection Act ("CCPA"), Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-105; (2) Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act ("FDUTPA"), Fla. Stat. § 501.201; (3) Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("ICFDTPA"), 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505; (4) Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("TDTPA"), Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 17.41; and (5) Washington Consumer Protection Act ("WCPA"), Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.010.

Apple's motion is based on the absence of any genuine dispute with respect to multiple required elements of Plaintiffs' claims, including the required elements of (1) the existence of a defect; (2) Apple's knowledge of that defect; (3) the required causal connection between the alleged omission and alleged harm; and (4) each Plaintiff's entitlement to injunctive relief and damages.

This motion is based on this notice of motion, the accompanying memorandum of points and authorities, the court records submitted in this matter, the Declaration of Tiffany Cheung in Support of Apple's Summary Judgment Motion and exhibits attached to it, and such other written or oral argument as may be presented at or before the time this motion is taken under submission by the Court.

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56, Apple seeks entry of summary judgment dismissing Plaintiffs' claims under the consumer fraud statutes of Colorado (CCPA), Florida (FDUTPA), Illinois (ICFDTPA), Texas (TDTPA), and Washington (WCPA).

## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

After 10 months of discovery, including the production of millions of pages of documents, depositions of ten Apple witnesses, and five expert reports, the evidence establishes that Plaintiffs cannot prove their fraudulent omission claims. Although Plaintiffs *allege* that Apple intentionally hid a “defect” in the aluminum enclosure of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus that caused the phones’ touchscreens to fail, the record directly refutes Plaintiffs’ theory.

Apple’s internal documents—including information obtained from testing *tens of thousands* of iPhones—conclusively show that the iPhones have no “defect” and that the touchscreen issues observed in some iPhone 6 Plus devices were caused by multiple *drops* of the phones on a hard surface followed by further stress. Plaintiffs’ own experts conceded that dropping the iPhone can cause the alleged touchscreen issues, and that they have no evidence to support Plaintiffs’ allegations that enclosure bending due to “normal, everyday use”—and not dropping—caused Plaintiffs’ touchscreen issues. Further, given that the evidence shows that the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” does not exist, Apple had no knowledge of it. After performing extensive bending tests on the iPhones, Apple observed no functional failures, even after subjecting the phones to *abusive* bending forces.

Plaintiffs cannot establish the required elements of (1) the existence of a defect; (2) Apple’s knowledge of that defect; (3) the required causal connection between the alleged omission and alleged harm; and (4) each Plaintiff’s entitlement to injunctive relief and damages. Because Plaintiffs have the burden of establishing each of these elements to prove liability under the Selected Claims, the failure to establish any of these elements constitutes a separate and independent ground for summary judgment. The undisputed facts demonstrate that Plaintiffs cannot prove their omission claims. The Court should therefore grant summary judgment in favor of Apple.

### **II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Court previously directed the parties to each select five causes of action—for a total of ten causes of action—to litigate through motions to dismiss, summary judgment, and trial.



(ECF No. 118 at 1.) The parties chose the following Selected Claims: (1) New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (“NJCFA”), N.J. Stat. Ann. § 56:8-1; (2) Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”), Fla. Stat. § 501.201; (3) Washington Consumer Protection Act (“WCPA”), Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.010; (4) Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“ICFDTPA”), 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505; (5) Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“TDTPA”), Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 17.41; (6) Colorado Consumer Protection Act (“CCPA”), Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-105; (7) Common Law Fraud; (8) Breach of Express Warranty; (9) Breach of Implied Warranty; and (10) Magnusson-Moss Act. (ECF No. 44 at 1.)

Following two rounds of motions to dismiss, the Court dismissed with prejudice Plaintiffs’ affirmative misrepresentation theories under the Selected Claims. (ECF No. 103 at 20-24.) Plaintiffs had previously tried to plead a fraud theory based on Apple’s supposedly false representations about the strength and durability of the iPhone’s enclosure in response to reports the media referred to as “Bendgate.” As the Court held, however, Apple’s September 25, 2014 statement addressing the issue “was not addressing the circumstance alleged by Plaintiffs that all iPhones bend in subtle and *non-visible* ways that cause the touchscreen defect.” (*Id.* at 23.) The Court therefore held that Apple’s statements about the strength and durability of the iPhone’s enclosure “*are, as a matter of law, not actionable misrepresentations*” in the context of this case because Apple’s statements contained “no representations about the touchscreen or the touch IC chips” and “no reasonable consumer reading Apple’s September 25, 2014 statement would have had any expectations or assumptions about the iPhone’s touchscreen.” (*Id.* at 23-24 (emphasis added).)

The Court also dismissed with prejudice Plaintiffs’ (1) fraud claims under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and Pennsylvania common law, (2) express and implied warranty claims under Illinois law, (3) Magnusson-Moss Act claims, and (4) injunctive relief claims as to Plaintiffs Borzymowski, Muilenburg, and Bon. (*Id.* at 51-52.) The Court later entered a stipulated order dismissing with prejudice Plaintiffs’ remaining affirmative misrepresentation claims, California warranty claims, and Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act claims. (ECF No. 117 at 1-2.)

1           Shortly before Plaintiffs filed their first class certification motion, Plaintiffs substituted  
 2   Plaintiff Benelhachemi (from Illinois) with Plaintiff Siegal on the purported ground that “Interim  
 3   Lead Counsel has determined that Plaintiff Benelhachemi will not serve as an adequate class  
 4   representative . . . .” (ECF No. 169 at 1.) Plaintiff Siegal represented in a stipulation allowing the  
 5   substitution that he would “provide complete responses to all of Apple’s written discovery  
 6   requests, and to provide a complete document production, including all relevant documents  
 7   related to his alleged transactions with Verizon Communications, Inc. . . . .” (*Id.* at 2.)

8           Fact discovery closed on November 2, 2018. (ECF No. 268 at 2.)

9           Apple’s present motion addresses all remaining Selected Claims that survived Apple’s  
 10   motions to dismiss—*i.e.*, Plaintiffs’ omission claims under the consumer fraud statutes of  
 11   Colorado (CCPA), Florida (FDUTPA), Illinois (ICFDTPA), Texas (TDTPA), and Washington  
 12   (WCPA).

### 13   **III. STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS**

#### 14   **A. Plaintiffs Allege the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus Have a “Touchscreen Defect”**

15           1. Apple Inc. is a California corporation headquartered in Cupertino, California.  
 16   (Fourth Am. Compl. (“Compl.”) ¶ 21, ECF No. 172; Answer to Compl. (“Answer”) ¶ 21, ECF  
 17   No. 177.) Apple makes mobile communication and media devices, including the iPhone.  
 18   (Compl. ¶ 25; Answer ¶ 25.) Apple released the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus on September 19, 2014.  
 19   (Compl. ¶ 25; Answer ¶ 25.)

20           2. Plaintiffs are individual customers from Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Texas, and  
 21   Washington who allege that the touchscreens on their iPhone 6 Plus devices became unresponsive  
 22   to touch input through “normal, everyday use” (the “Touchscreen Defect”).<sup>1</sup> (Compl. ¶¶ 10, 12,  
 23   14-15, 18-19, 55; *see also* ECF No. 270 at 1 (“the defect in question is the touchscreen, which is  
 24   prone to and does prematurely malfunction, rendering the phones inoperable for at least some

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 26           <sup>1</sup> The governing complaint asserts identical claims regarding the iPhone 6, but none of the  
 27   Selected Claims involve Plaintiffs who owned an iPhone 6. Only two of the thirteen Plaintiffs  
 28   who filed the governing complaint owned an iPhone 6. Indeed, the record demonstrates that the  
 reports of any touchscreen issues with the iPhone 6 were even more infrequent than the iPhone 6  
 Plus.

1 period of time”).)

2 3. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that a “weakness” in the iPhones’ enclosure “causes  
3 the iPhones to bend and flex under normal, everyday use that places severe stress on the soldering  
4 that adheres the touch IC chips to the logic board, which then causes the soldering to fail.”  
5 (Compl. ¶¶ 54, 55.) Plaintiffs also allege that the touch IC chips “fail as a result of the defect in  
6 the external casing.” (*Id.* ¶ 56.)

7 4. Plaintiffs further allege that Apple “knew or should have known” about the alleged  
8 “Touchscreen Defect” (*id.* ¶¶ 64-77, 94), and “knowingly” and/or “intentionally” concealed it  
9 from Plaintiffs (*see id.* ¶¶ 180, 200, 224, 236, 263). Although Plaintiffs have never said what  
10 specific disclosures Apple should have made to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs allege that Apple omitted  
11 material information from the iPhone box.<sup>2</sup> Because Apple and its authorized resellers generally  
12 display iPhone devices in stores outside their boxes, however, many purchasers end up  
13 purchasing or deciding to purchase an iPhone before ever seeing the box. (*See* ECF No. 184-22  
14 ¶¶ 2-9.) Plaintiffs Siegal, Muilenburg, and Bon did not even see the box until *after* purchase.  
15 (Ex. A at 75:21-76:7, 81:17-20; Ex. B at 79:11-19; Ex. C at 125:7-21.)<sup>3</sup> Plaintiff Bauer recalled  
16 seeing a box around the time of purchase, but never reviewed it because he regarded it “as  
17 small print that people don’t normally read.” (Ex. D at 225:12-226:14.) Plaintiff Borzymowski  
18 decided to purchase his iPhone before seeing the box. (Ex. E at 138:12-139:22.) And Plaintiff  
19 Brown purchased his iPhone because it was time to upgrade and he liked the camera—not  
20 because of any statements on the box. (Ex. F at 59:6-60:6.)

21 5. The dates of Plaintiffs’ alleged purchase and alleged onset of a touchscreen issue  
22 are set forth below. (Compl. ¶¶ 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19.)<sup>4</sup>

23  
24 <sup>2</sup> In the Court’s class certification ruling, the Court limited Plaintiffs’ alleged omissions to  
25 those allegedly omitted from the iPhone box, holding that Plaintiffs had failed to establish a legal  
basis for any actionable omission on any other alleged materials. (*See* ECF No. 226 at 28-29.)

26 <sup>3</sup> All cited exhibits (“Ex.”), unless otherwise noted, are attached to the accompanying  
Declaration of Tiffany Cheung in Support of Apple’s Summary Judgment Motion.

27 <sup>4</sup> For purposes of this summary judgment motion only, Apple accepts the dates Plaintiffs  
28 allege they purchased their phones and the dates they allege for the onset of a touchscreen issue.

Name	State	Date of Purchase	Alleged Date of Onset of Issue
Justin Bauer	Colorado	March 11, 2015	July 2015
John Borzymowski	Florida	September 19, 2014	February 2016
Eric Siegal	Illinois	December 18, 2015	September 2016
Taylor Brown	Texas	November 2014	January 2016
Matt Muilenburg	Washington	February 28, 2015	May 2016
William Bon	Washington	January 10, 2015	August 2016

**B. Discovery Has Shown That Repeatedly Dropping the iPhones—Not “Normal, Everyday Use”—Is the Cause of the Alleged Touchscreen Issue**

6. In the complaint, Plaintiffs characterize the touch IC chips in the iPhones as “delicate circuits” that contain “a number of small solder balls” that can “crack and start to lose contact with the logic board” as the iPhones “flex and bend during normal use.” (Compl. ¶¶ 49, 51, 52.) Plaintiffs allege that once a crack forms, “there is no electrical contact between the touch IC chips and the logic board,” thus causing a nonresponsive touchscreen. (*Id.* ¶ 53.)

7. Both of Plaintiffs’ proffered technical experts have admitted, however, that dropping the iPhones can cause the alleged touch IC solder cracks alleged in the complaint. Mr. Curley, Plaintiffs’ proffered expert in the field of electromechanical engineering (*see* ECF No. 173-10 ¶ 1), testified that “the Meson M1 chip is the responsible culprit for touch disease,” explaining that the term “M1” refers to a specific “pin” (or solder ball) on the “Meson” touch IC chip. (Ex. G at 79:18-80:6.) Mr. Curley admitted that “dropping the iPhone 6 or 6 Plus can cause sufficient localized bending of the circuit board to damage the M1 location at the Meson chip.” (*Id.* at 139:19-23, 166:12-17.) Dr. Jones, Plaintiff’s proffered expert in the field of iPhone repairs (*see* ECF No. 174-38 at 2), similarly admitted that dropping the iPhone 6 or 6 Plus can cause “a fracture between the solder balls and the pads that they have to sit on under these chips,” thus causing the alleged “touch defect.”<sup>5</sup> (Ex. H at 98:18-99:5, 108:23-109:1.)

<sup>5</sup> Apple does not agree that Mr. Curley and Dr. Jones have the necessary qualifications to provide certain expert testimony under Federal Rule of Evidence 702, for the reasons stated in Apple’s February 10, 2018 *Daubert* motion. (*See* ECF No. 187.)

1           8.       Plaintiffs have no evidence that enclosure bending on an iPhone that has not been  
2 previously dropped will result in a solder crack or similar issue with the touch IC chips.  
3 Plaintiffs’ own expert, Mr. Curley—who reviewed hundreds of Apple internal documents—  
4 candidly admitted he had no evidence linking bent iPhones with the alleged “Touchscreen  
5 Defect.” (Ex. G at 123:22-124:2.) He testified: “I have no specific evidence to say that Touch  
6 Disease is caused by dropped iPhones nor do I have any evidence that Touch Disease is caused by  
7 normal wear and tear, bending of the iPhones.” (*Id.* at 239:18-240:11.)

8           9.       Mr. Curley’s experimental tests on the iPhones showed that he could not induce  
9 the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” even by *intentionally* bending the enclosure past the point of  
10 permanent deformation. In one test, Mr. Curley took an iPhone 6 Plus with a functioning  
11 touchscreen, placed it in Instron machine, applied a focused 30 kilogram (66 pound) load to the  
12 aluminum enclosure over the Meson chip area, and permanently deformed the enclosure. (Ex. G  
13 at 15:12-16:14, 19:7-17.) Yet, Mr. Curley admitted, the “touchscreen still continued to work  
14 perfectly.” (*Id.* at 20:1-13.) Mr. Curley could not identify any test data showing that enclosure  
15 bending can cause the alleged Touchscreen Issue. (*Id.* at 236:7-23.)

16          10.       Plaintiffs’ other proffered technical expert, Dr. Jones, admitted she had not even  
17 reviewed Apple’s internal test records, nor had she performed any tests or failure analysis herself  
18 to investigate the root cause of the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” on iPhones that had not  
19 previously been dropped. (Ex. H at 57:17-58:7, 61:13-16, 69:8-70:8, 75:14-20.)

20          11.       Mr. Curley’s experimental test results are consistent with Apple’s extensive testing  
21 of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus both before and after launch, which conclusively demonstrated that  
22 enclosure bending will not cause the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” Before launch, Apple  
23 subjected tens of thousands of devices to demanding reliability tests, including a “sit test” (*see*  
24 ECF No. 286-1 ¶¶ 42-55), a “squeeze and pressure test” (*see id.* ¶¶ 56-63), a “torsion test” (*see id.*  
25 ¶¶ 64-67), and a “carry program” (*see id.* ¶¶ 71-72; *see also* Exs. I-J)—all tests designed to study  
26 the effect of enclosure bending and twisting on the iPhones’ functionality.

27          12.       Apple’s pre-launch testing showed that bending, twisting, and pressing on the  
28 enclosure—even with significant forces repeated thousands of times—will not cause the alleged

1 “Touchscreen Defect.” (Ex. K.) As Apple’s records confirm, Apple’s testing revealed “*no*  
 2 *functional impact*” and only “minimal cosmetic impact” from enclosure bending. (*Id.* at APL-  
 3 DAVIDSON\_02377954 (emphasis added).) Mr. Curley agreed that Apple did not know at the  
 4 time of launch that enclosure bending could lead to a touchscreen failure. (Ex. G at 123:22-  
 5 124:2.)

6 13. While Apple was able to “[REDACTED]”  
 7 [REDACTED]  
 8 [REDACTED]  
 9 [REDACTED]  
 10 [REDACTED].” (Ex. K at APL-  
 11 DAVIDSON\_02377954.) Apple characterized the “[REDACTED]” as  
 12 “[REDACTED],” confirming that a “[REDACTED]” on  
 13 the devices. (*Id.* at APL-DAVIDSON\_02377963.)

14 14. After launch, when returns based on reported touchscreen issues on the iPhone 6  
 15 Plus appeared to be unexpectedly increasing, Apple performed even more rigorous testing to  
 16 investigate the root cause of solder cracks on the Meson chip observed in some customer-returned  
 17 phones. Apple’s post-launch tests included [REDACTED]  
 18 [REDACTED]  
 19 [REDACTED]  
 20 [REDACTED]  
 21 [REDACTED] (See ECF No. 286-1  
 22 ¶ 99; Ex. N at APL-DAVIDSON\_02419403.)

23 15. [REDACTED]  
 24 [REDACTED]  
 25 [REDACTED] (ECF No. 286-1  
 26 ¶ 100; Ex. N at APL-DAVIDSON\_02419404.) Importantly, [REDACTED]  
 27 [REDACTED]  
 28 [REDACTED], confirming that enclosure bending is *not* the root cause of

1 the alleged touchscreen issue. (ECF No. 286-1 ¶ 100; ; Ex. N at APL-DAVIDSON\_02419403.)

2 16. Apple also directly measured logic board strain at the Meson chip location while  
3 the iPhone was undergoing Apple's torsion test [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED] (Ex. L at APL-DAVIDSON\_02309387), which Mr. Curley admitted were  
5 within acceptable industry standard limits. (Ex. G at 206:20-22.) Apple's strain measurements  
6 again confirm that enclosure bending is not the root cause of the alleged touchscreen issue.

7 17. Simply put, Plaintiffs' alleged "Touchscreen Defect" does not arise from bending  
8 due to "normal, everyday use," but from dropping the iPhone multiple times on a hard surface  
9 followed by further stress on the device.

10 **C. Plaintiffs Admit That They Dropped Their iPhones Multiple Times**

11 18. Almost all Plaintiffs admit they dropped their iPhones multiple times before  
12 experiencing an alleged touchscreen issue. Plaintiff Brown dropped his iPhone multiple times,  
13 ultimately shattering the screen on about the third drop. (Ex. F at 137:2-18, 169:8-170:8.)  
14 Plaintiffs Bon, Bauer, and Borzymowski also dropped their iPhones multiple times. (Ex. C at  
15 132:6-20; Ex. D at 147:19-24; Ex. E at 168:7-18.)

16 19. Although Muilenburg and Siegal either denied dropping or could not recall  
17 dropping their iPhones (Ex. B at 158:8-11; Ex. A at 72:1-2), photographs of Muilenburg's device  
18 show a puncture in the bottom corner, while those of Siegal's device show multiple dents on the  
19 back and nicks and scuffs on the corners, reflecting damage caused by dropping or other  
20 mechanical shock events. (ECF No. 286-1, Ex. 4 at 51-53, 63-67.)

21 **D. Apple Disclosed to Plaintiffs That Dropping the iPhones Can Damage Their**  
22 **Sensitive Electronic Components**

23 20. Since well before launch, in disclosures posted on Apple's website and  
24 incorporated by reference into an "iPhone Info" sheet contained in each iPhone box (*see* ECF  
25 No. 64-2 at 1), Apple informed Plaintiffs that the iPhones contain "sensitive electronic  
26 components," and that "the iPhones can be damaged if dropped." (*See* ECF No. 64-2 at 1; ECF  
27 No. 54-2, Ex. D; Ex. M at 115:11-17, 121:8-15, 123:21-124:4.)

28 21. The first paragraph of the "iPhone Info" sheet contains a header in bold font that



1 reads: “**iPhone User Guide.**” The first sentence states, “Review the user guide before using  
2 iPhone. Go to help.apple.com/iphone.” (ECF No. 64-2 at 1.) Apple then described several ways  
3 Plaintiffs could retrieve and review Apple’s user guide. (*Id.*)

4 22. The second paragraph of the “iPhone Info” sheet contains a header in bold font  
5 that reads: “**Safety and Handling.**” The first (and only) sentence in that paragraph reads, “See  
6 ‘Safety, handling, and support’ in the *iPhone User Guide.*” (*Id.*)

7 23. The first sentence of the “Safety, handling, and support” section of the iPhone  
8 User Guide reads: “**WARNING:** Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in fire,  
9 electric shock, injury, or damage to iPhone or other property. Read all the safety information  
10 below before using iPhone.” (ECF No. 54-2, Ex. D.)

11 24. The second sentence of the iPhone User Guide’s “Safety, handling, and support”  
12 section explicitly informs customers that dropping the iPhone can damage its sensitive electronic  
13 components: “**Handling** Handle iPhone with care. It is made of metal, glass, and plastic and has  
14 sensitive electronic components inside. iPhone can be damaged if dropped . . . .” (*Id.*)

15 25. Each and every Plaintiff admitted they knew at the time of purchase that their  
16 iPhones could be damaged if dropped. (Ex. D at 93:14-22; Ex. C at 90:14-91:4; Ex. A at 72:11-  
17 17; Ex. E at 136:21-23; Ex. B at 186:10-19; Ex. F at 101:14-17.) Plaintiffs’ technical experts  
18 admitted it was common knowledge at the time Apple released the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus that  
19 dropping an iPhone could damage it. (Ex. G at 146:19-147:3; Ex. H at 175:17-176:4.)

20 **E. Apple Added Underfill to the Meson Chip in the iPhone 6 Plus, and Launched**  
21 **an iPhone 6 Plus Repair Extension Program**

22 26. After determining that the iPhone 6 Plus could develop a nonresponsive  
23 touchscreen after being dropped on a hard surface multiple times followed by additional stress,  
24 Apple began qualifying certain design changes to make the devices more resilient to damage  
25 caused by repeated drops of the iPhone on a hard surface. (Ex. N at APL-  
26 DAVIDSON\_02419413.) One of Apple’s design changes was to add underfill under the Meson  
27 chip in the iPhone 6 Plus. (*Id.*) As Apple’s test data showed, the design changes allowed the  
28 iPhone 6 Plus to sustain more repeated back face drops on a granite surface before it would start



1 exhibiting a nonresponsive touchscreen. (*Id.* at APL-DAVIDSON\_02419414.)

2 27. To further its customer-friendly objectives, Apple also decided to launch a “repair  
3 extension program” (REP) for the iPhone 6 Plus. Through this REP, Apple provided an  
4 additional benefit to customers who had experienced a nonresponsive touchscreen by offering a  
5 replacement iPhone 6 Plus device for \$149, or a refund on repairs made in excess of that amount,  
6 without inquiry into the scope of any nonresponsive touchscreen issues or whether the issue was  
7 caused by repeated drops of the phone. (Ex. O.)

8 28. Apple made the decision to offer an REP program for the iPhone 6 Plus in July  
9 2016 (Ex. P at 213:24-214:25); however, due to a shortage in memory chips, Apple was required  
10 to defer public announcement of the program. (*Id.* at 235:3-11.) Apple announced the program  
11 on its website on November 17, 2016. (Ex. O.)

12 **F. Plaintiffs Cannot Support Their Injunctive Relief and Damages Claims**

13 29. None of the Plaintiffs asserting a Selected Claim can establish that they can or  
14 would participate in the REP program. The Court previously dismissed with prejudice the  
15 injunctive relief claims brought by Borzymowski, Muilenburg, and Bon. (ECF No. 103 at 15.)  
16 As to Plaintiffs Bauer, Brown, and Siegal, in support of their injunctive relief claims, they relied  
17 on their allegations that they intended to participate in Apple’s Multi-Touch Repair Program. But  
18 each Plaintiff admitted at deposition that those allegations were incorrect. Plaintiffs Bauer,  
19 Brown, and Siegal do not, in fact, intend to participate in that program. (Ex. D at 185:25-186:16;  
20 Ex. F at 195:24-196:5; Ex. A at 160:18-161:11.)

21 30. Plaintiffs Siegal and Borzymowski cannot establish any damages. Plaintiff Siegal  
22 did not pay for his iPhone, but rather his employer did. (Ex. A at 54:24-55:1.) Although Siegal  
23 *alleged* he paid \$150 for a subsequent replacement device, the evidence indicates otherwise.  
24 Siegal testified that he purchased insurance from Verizon and requested this replacement device  
25 pursuant to that insurance agreement (*id.* at 56:19-57:14), but his Verizon records show a \$0  
26 charge for the replacement iPhone he received on or about September 26, 2016. (Ex. S at APL-  
27 DAVIDSON\_02434328.) Verizon’s records further indicate that Siegal contacted Verizon on  
28 December 13, 2017—one week before his deposition—because “he wanted to know what the bill

bal[ance] was during that time bec[ause] he thought he was billed for the warranty replacement,” and that Verizon advised him there was “no charge.” (Ex. S at APL-DAVIDSON\_02434312.) Siegal conceded at his deposition that he had no receipt of any kind showing he paid the alleged \$150 charge for his replacement iPhone. (Ex. A at 104:9-105:1.)

31. Plaintiff Borzymowski sold his iPhone 6 Plus to a third party, Gazelle.com, for full value. Although Borzymowski alleged in the complaint that Gazelle would have paid him \$275 if not for the touchscreen defect, he admitted at deposition that this allegation was incorrect. (Ex. E at 275:13-18.) Borzymowski did not disclose to Gazelle that his iPhone had an alleged touchscreen issue when he offered to sell it to Gazelle. To the contrary, he obtained a quote from Gazelle for \$100 based on his representation that his iPhone was in “good” condition. (*Id.* at 245:5-15.) Gazelle ultimately paid Borzymowski \$115 for the iPhone, explaining: “Surprise! You’re getting even more for your Apple iPhone 6 Plus 64GB (AT&T)” because “we found it was in better condition than expected.” (Ex. Q.)

#### IV. LEGAL STANDARD

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(a), “the court shall grant summary judgment if the movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” A dispute as to a material fact is “genuine” if the evidence is such that “a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the nonmoving party.” *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986). After the moving party meets its initial burden to show the absence of evidence to support the non-moving party’s case, the burden shifts to the non-moving party to demonstrate that there are “genuine factual issues that properly can be resolved only by a finder of fact because they may reasonably be resolved in favor of either party.” *Id.* at 250. The non-moving party may not merely rest on its pleadings, but must instead produce substantial evidence in support of the complaint. *First Nat’l Bank v. Cities Serv. Co.*, 391 U.S. 253, 289-90 (1968).

1 **V. ARGUMENT**

2 Plaintiffs cannot show that any reasonable jury would find that: (1) the iPhones suffer  
3 from the alleged “Touchscreen Defect,” (2) Apple knew about the alleged “Touchscreen Defect,”  
4 and “knowingly” and/or “intentionally” concealed it from Plaintiffs, (3) these alleged omissions  
5 on the iPhone box caused Plaintiffs to purchase their iPhones, and (4) all Plaintiffs are entitled to  
6 injunctive relief and sustained actual damages Plaintiffs’ failure of proof on any one of these  
7 required elements constitutes a separate and independent ground for summary judgment.

8 **A. The iPhone 6 and 6 Plus Do Not Suffer from any “Touchscreen**  
9 **Defect” That Supposedly Arises from Bending Due to “Normal,**  
10 **Everyday Use”**

11 Plaintiffs cannot prove their theory that the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus have an alleged  
12 “Touchscreen Defect” caused by bending due to “normal, everyday use.” The record  
13 conclusively shows that solder cracks in the touch IC chips allegedly responsible for the  
14 “Touchscreen Defect” will *not* arise unless the phone has been *repeatedly dropped on a hard*  
15 *surface* followed by further stress, such as thousands of torsion cycles.

16 To assert consumer fraud claims against Apple under the surviving Selected Claims,  
17 Plaintiffs must show that the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus actually have a “defect” that diminishes the  
18 product’s value. **COLORADO:** *Pertile v. Gen. Motors, Ltd. Liab. Co.*, No. 15-cv-0518-WJM-  
19 NYW, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 150463, at \*25-26 (D. Colo. Sept. 15, 2017) (“Plaintiffs have not  
20 identified evidence from which a reasonable jury could find they have met their burden of  
21 showing there was a defect . . . .”); **FLORIDA:** *Thermoset Corp. v. Bldg. Materials Corp. of Am.*,  
22 No. 14-60268-CIV-COHN/SELTZER, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 181015, at \*7 (S.D. Fla. Apr. 9,  
23 2015) (“Thermoset must also show that the H2O Adhesive was deficient—defective—to succeed  
24 on its FDUTPA claim.”), *vacated on other grounds*, 849 F.3d 1313 (11th Cir. 2017); *Matthews v.*  
25 *Am. Honda Motor Co.*, No. 12-60630-CIV-WILLIAMS, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90802, at \*7-8  
26 (S.D. Fla. June 6, 2012) (“Florida courts have recognized that a FDUTPA claim is stated where  
27 the defendant knowingly fails to disclose a material defect that diminishes a product’s value.”);  
28 **ILLINOIS:** *Perona v. Volkswagen of Am., Inc.*, 24 N.E.3d 806, 825 (Ill. App. Ct. 2014)  
(affirming summary judgment for defendants because “plaintiffs had presented no evidence to

1 raise a genuine issue of material fact that there was a defect in the arrangement of the gas and  
 2 brake pedals”); **TEXAS:** *Avdeef v. Rockline Indus., Inc.*, No. 3:08-CV-2157-L, 2010 U.S. Dist.  
 3 LEXIS 7957, at \*18-19 (N.D. Tex. Jan. 29, 2010) (finding that the defendant did not fail to  
 4 disclose problems with its baby wipes because the baby wipes were not, as plaintiffs alleged,  
 5 contaminated or subject to a recall); **WASHINGTON:** *K.R. Smith Trucking, LLC v. Paccar, Inc.*,  
 6 No. 08-1351-WEB, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81908, at \*19 (D. Kan. July 27, 2011) (“A review of  
 7 the expert opinions submitted in the case at hand show that the experts do not conclude that there  
 8 was a defect in the trailer.”).

9 In *Thermoset Corp.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 181015, at \*7, for example, the court  
 10 dismissed on summary judgment a FDUTPA claim based on alleged defects in an adhesive  
 11 product because the plaintiff failed to show that the product was actually defective. *Id.* The court  
 12 held that “the mere fact of a product failure is insufficient to show that it was caused by any  
 13 defect” and “not some other cause,” and dismissed the claim. *Id.* at \*12. Likewise, in *Perona*, 24  
 14 N.E.3d at 825, the court dismissed plaintiffs’ ICFDTPA claim on summary judgment because  
 15 plaintiffs failed to support their allegation that a defect existed in the arrangement of the gas and  
 16 brake pedals of the defendant’s vehicle. *Id.*

17 Here, no evidence supports Plaintiffs’ alleged defect—that enclosure bending resulting  
 18 from “normal, everyday use” will cause solder ball failures that result in a nonresponsive  
 19 touchscreen. Plaintiffs’ own technical expert, Mr. Curley, admitted that dropping the iPhone can  
 20 lead to the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” by creating high strain on the logic board near the  
 21 Meson chip. (Facts ¶ 7.) His own experimental tests showed that intentionally applying a  
 22 focused 66-pound load on the iPhone’s enclosure directly over the Meson chip will **not** induce the  
 23 alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” (*Id.* ¶ 9.) And Mr. Curley candidly admitted he had “no specific  
 24 evidence to say” that the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” “is caused by normal wear and tear,  
 25 bending of the iPhones.” (*Id.* ¶ 8.)

26 Apple’s own exhaustive testing conclusively disproves Plaintiffs’ allegation that enclosure  
 27 bending is the root cause of solder cracks observed on the Meson chip in some customer-returned  
 28 units. Before launch, Apple subjected tens of thousands of devices to demanding reliability tests

designed to study the effect of enclosure bending and twisting on the iPhones' functionality. (*Id.* ¶ 11.) Apple's testing showed "no functional impact" associated with enclosure bending. (*Id.* ¶ 12.) After launch, Apple revisited its reliability tests, subjecting the iPhones to even more extreme test conditions. (*Id.* ¶ 14.) Again, these expanded tests conclusively showed that enclosure bending—even in *abusive* conditions—cannot induce the alleged "Touchscreen Defect." (*Id.* ¶ 15.) Plaintiffs' own technical expert admitted that Apple's strain measurements of the logic board at the Meson chip area during torsion cycling fell within industry standard limits. (*Id.* ¶ 16.)

Apple's testing instead showed that dropping the iPhones multiple times on a hard surface is required before the alleged touchscreen issue will arise. Apple's post-launch testing confirmed that the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (*Id.* ¶ 15.)

In light of this evidence, Plaintiffs cannot establish that their iPhones' touchscreens prematurely stopped working as a result of "normal, everyday use." Further, all but two Plaintiffs admitted they dropped their iPhones multiple times before experiencing an alleged touchscreen issue. (Facts ¶ 18.) The iPhones for the other two showed demonstrable signs of damage caused by dropping the phones or otherwise subjecting them to severe mechanical shock, including punctures, dents, and scuffs on their iPhones. (*Id.* ¶ 19.)

The absence of any genuine dispute over the existence of an alleged "Touchscreen Defect" that arises through "normal, everyday use" compels dismissal of all of Plaintiffs' Selected Claims on summary judgment.

#### **B. Apple Did Not Intentionally Conceal any Alleged "Touchscreen Defect" from Customers**

Plaintiffs also cannot show a genuine dispute relating to their allegations that Apple "knew or should have known" of the alleged "Touchscreen Defect" (Compl. ¶ 77), and "intentionally" and/or "knowingly" concealed that defect from Plaintiffs (*see id.* ¶¶ 180, 200, 224, 236, 263).

All Selected Claims require proof that Apple had actual knowledge of an alleged product defect, and intentionally and knowingly concealed that defect from Plaintiffs. **COLORADO:** *David v. Volkswagen Grp. of Am., Inc.*, No. 17-11301-SDW-CLW, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 70284, at \*15 (D.N.J. Apr. 26, 2018) (dismissing CCPA claim where plaintiff did not “sufficiently plead that Defendant had knowledge of any alleged defect”) (citing *Crowe v. Tull*, 126 P.3d 196, 204 (Colo. 2006)); **FLORIDA:** *Resnick v. Hyundai Motor Am., Inc.*, No. CV 16-00593-BRO (PJWg), 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67525, at \*64 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 13, 2017) (dismissing FDUTPA claim where Plaintiffs “failed to establish that Defendants knew of the alleged defect in this case”) (citing *Matthews*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 90802, at \*7-8); **ILLINOIS:** *Jensen v. Bayer AG*, 862 N.E.2d 1091, 1098 (Ill. App. Ct. 2007) (“For [ICFDTPA] liability to attach due to an alleged concealment, a plaintiff must establish that the fact concealed was known to the seller at the time of concealment.”); **TEXAS:** *Washburn v. Sterling McCall Ford*, 521 S.W.3d 871, 876 (Tex. App. 2017) (“A DTPA violation for failure to disclose requires the defendant to have known material information and have failed to bring it to the plaintiff’s attention.”); **WASHINGTON:** *K.R. Smith Trucking, LLC*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81908, at \*22-23 (dismissing WCPA claim on summary judgment because “there is no evidence before the court that [defendants] knew about an alleged problem” and thus “[plaintiff] cannot show defendants were deceptive in failing to disclose a defect”) (citing *Griffith v. Centex Real Estate Corp.*, 969 P.2d 486, 492 (Wash. Ct. App. 1998)).

As explained below, Plaintiffs cannot establish a genuine dispute that Apple intentionally concealed an alleged defect because (1) Apple had no knowledge of the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” at any time and (2) Apple affirmatively disclosed that dropping the iPhones could damage them.

# **1. Apple Had No Knowledge of The Alleged “Touchscreen Defect” at any Time**

Apple had no knowledge of the alleged Touchscreen Issue before or after launch, and did not “knowingly” and/or “intentionally” conceal the alleged “defect” from Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs’ own expert, Mr. Curley, admitted that despite reviewing hundreds of Apple internal documents, he had seen no evidence to support Plaintiffs’ scienter allegations. (Facts ¶ 12.)

Apple’s internal records show that Apple tested tens of thousands of iPhones before launch to determine whether repetitively bending, flexing, or twisting the aluminum enclosure would cause a functional issue with the iPhone’s touchscreen. (Facts ¶ 11.) Apple’s laboratory tests included (1) a “sit test” in which Apple simulated sitting on the iPhone; (2) a “squeeze and pressure test,” in which Apple simulated hard pressing on dozens of locations on the iPhone; and (3) a “torsion test,” in which Apple repeatedly twisted the iPhones. (*Id.*) Apple also ran a “carry program,” in which Apple distributed hundreds of iPhones to employees to test before launch. (*Id.*) None of those tests uncovered the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” To the contrary, Apple reported to management shortly before launch that its reliability testing had showed “no functional impact” resulting from bending of the iPhone’s enclosure. (*Id.* ¶¶ 12-13.)

Plaintiffs’ interrogatory answers confirm that Plaintiffs cannot raise a genuine dispute about Apple’s pre-launch knowledge of the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” Plaintiffs responded to a contention interrogatory asking them to state all evidence supporting their allegation that Apple knew about the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” before launch. The only pre-launch evidence Plaintiffs cited was a generic reference to Apple’s “extensive pre-release durability testing” (Ex. R)—which Plaintiffs’ own expert admitted did not give Apple knowledge of the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” (Facts ¶ 12.) Plaintiffs’ only other cited evidence derived from Apple Support Community postings made *after* launch, including a September 23, 2014 posting that Plaintiffs’ own experts admitted described an unrelated touchscreen issue, such as a firmware/software issue or a “bad screen.” (Ex. G at 135:13-18; Ex. H at 141:19-143:15.)

Although Plaintiffs have attempted to argue that Apple “should have known” about the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” before launch, this argument mischaracterizes the relevant legal standard. All Selected Claims require that Apple knew about an alleged product defect, and *intentionally and knowingly* concealed that alleged defect from Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs cannot support their fraudulent omission theories based on a negligence standard. **FLORIDA:** *Resnick*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67525, at \*64 (“Defendants could not have *knowingly* concealed a defect” because “Plaintiffs have failed to establish that Defendants knew of the alleged defect”); **COLORADO:** *Crowe*, 126 P.3d at 204 (“The CCPA ‘provides an absolute defense’ to a



misrepresentation caused by negligence or an honest mistake.”) (citation omitted); **ILLINOIS:** *Jensen*, 862 N.E.2d at 1098 (“a plaintiff must establish that the fact concealed was known to the seller”); **TEXAS:** *Washburn*, 521 S.W.3d at 876 (“a defendant has no duty to disclose material facts that it should have known but does not”); *Marcus v. Apple Inc.*, No. C 14-03824 WHA, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 50399, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 16, 2015) (“Demonstrating that the defendant should have known the material information is insufficient.”); **WASHINGTON:** *K.R. Smith Trucking, LLC*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81908, at \*22-23 (“[plaintiff] cannot show defendants were deceptive in failing to disclose a defect” because “there is no evidence before the court that [defendants] knew about an alleged problem”).

Because all Selected Claims require knowledge of the defect and fraudulent intent, Plaintiffs’ concession that Apple did not know about the alleged “Touchscreen Defect” before launch (or at any time) requires summary judgment in favor of Apple on this ground alone.

Even looking beyond this legal defect, as a factual matter, Plaintiffs cannot show that Apple “should have” known that bending due to normal, everyday use would cause the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” Apple’s extensive testing before and after launch directly refutes Plaintiffs’ theory. Apple performed extensive internal testing on tens of thousands of iPhone 6 and 6 Plus devices, looking for evidence that bending would cause unresponsive touchscreens. Apple’s internal records conclusively show that even *abusive* enclosure bending will *not* induce the alleged Touchscreen Issue; rather, repeatedly dropping the iPhone on a hard surface is required to induce the alleged solder failures on Plaintiffs’ iPhones.

## 2. Apple Affirmatively Disclosed That Dropping the iPhones Could Damage Them

To the extent that Plaintiffs now argue that Apple should have disclosed that its testing showed that dropping the iPhones could damage the phones, Apple made that exact disclosure.

Apple cannot be held liable for failing to disclose a fact already known to Plaintiffs. **COLORADO:** *Mullen v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 232 P.3d 168, 175 (Colo. App. 2009) (“There is no material information Allstate failed to disclose.”); **FLORIDA:** *Green v. McNeil Nutritionals, LLC*, No. 2004-0379-CA, 2005 WL 3388158, at \*8 (Fla. Cir. Ct. Nov. 16, 2005) (“Some



1 consumers, depending on their subjective reasons for purchasing the product, received exactly  
 2 what they bargained for, as did those consumers with actual knowledge of Splenda’s true  
 3 ingredients listed on the packaging.”); **ILLINOIS:** *Oliveira v. Amoco Oil Co.*, 776 N.E.2d 151,  
 4 164 (Ill. 2002) (“*Zekman* makes clear that, to properly plead the element of proximate causation  
 5 in a private cause of action for deceptive advertising brought under the Act, a plaintiff must allege  
 6 that he was, in some manner, deceived.”); **TEXAS:** *Terry v. Mercedes-Benz, USA, LLC*, No. 05-  
 7 06-00118-CV, 2007 Tex. App. LEXIS 5601, at \*10 (Tex. App. July 18, 2007) (“appellants had no  
 8 right to be informed of information they knew”); **WASHINGTON:** *Robinson v. Avis Rent a Car*  
 9 *Sys.*, 22 P.3d 818, 826 (Wash. Ct. App. 2001) (“there was no unfair or deceptive act here because  
 10 the car rental companies disclosed the concession fee to the consumers in its telephone quotations”).

11 Here, Apple informed Plaintiffs in the “Safety, handling, and support” section of its  
 12 iPhone User Guide that the iPhones have “sensitive electronic components inside” and “can be  
 13 damaged if dropped.” (Facts ¶¶ 20, 24.) All Plaintiffs admitted knowing at the time of purchase  
 14 that dropping their iPhones could damage them. (*Id.* ¶ 25.) Plaintiffs’ own experts admitted that  
 15 it was common knowledge at the time Apple released the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus that dropping the  
 16 phones could damage them. (*Id.*) Therefore, to the extent Apple learned after launch that the  
 17 soldering connections on the iPhones’ touch IC chips could be damaged from repeatedly dropping  
 18 the iPhones on a hard surface, Apple had already disclosed that risk to Plaintiffs.

19 Plaintiffs also cannot purport to premise liability on Apple’s alleged failure to disclose  
 20 that the iPhone 6 or 6 Plus could be “bent more easily” than prior iPhones in a three-point bend  
 21 test—as Plaintiffs have repeatedly argued in the class certification context. As the Court  
 22 recognized when it dismissed Plaintiffs’ affirmative misrepresentation claims, statements about  
 23 the iPhones’ strength and durability address a separate issue—and one that creates no  
 24 expectations about touchscreen functionality in the iPhones. (*See* ECF No. 103 at 20-24.)  
 25 Merely because an iPhones’ enclosure will “yield” (or become permanently deformed) in  
 26 response to a certain amount of force does not mean that the iPhone has a defect—let alone the  
 27 alleged “Touchscreen Defect”—and Apple’s alleged failure to disclose any facts relating to the  
 28 iPhones’ yield strength are irrelevant to the purported “Touchscreen Defect.”

**C. Apple’s Alleged Omission on the iPhone Box Did Not Affect Plaintiffs’ Purchase Decisions**

Under the legal standards governing Plaintiffs’ claims, Plaintiffs cannot establish one or more essential elements relating to reliance, exposure, or causation of harm. Although Plaintiffs have never said what specific statements Apple should have included on the iPhone box, Plaintiffs cannot show that anything Apple should have stated on the box would have had a material impact on Plaintiffs’ purchase decisions.

**1. Plaintiff Brown Did Not Rely on Apple’s Alleged Omissions on the iPhone Box**

Plaintiff Brown (from Texas) alleges that Apple should have disclosed the alleged “Touchscreen Issue” on the iPhone’s box—the only alleged omission before or at the time of sale. But there is no genuine dispute that Brown did not rely on Apple’s alleged omission on the iPhone’s box in making his purchase decision.

As the Court previously determined, a TDTPA plaintiff must establish that he or she actually relied on the alleged omission. (ECF No. 226 at 27.) “If the misrepresentation did not induce the consumer to enter into the contract, there can be no recovery.” *Camden Mach. & Tool v. Cascade Co.*, 870 S.W.2d 304, 311 (Tex. App. 1993); *see also Brazil v. Dell Inc.*, No. C-07-01700 RMW, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42877, at \*13 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2010) (“Texas courts require individualized proof of reliance and reject the idea that reliance may be inferred from the fact that a reasonable person would find the misrepresentation to be important to his decision-making process.”).

Brown admitted that he purchased his iPhone because it was time to upgrade and he liked the camera—not because of any statements on the iPhone’s box. (Ex. F at 59:6-60:6.) He therefore cannot show that any alleged omissions on the iPhone box were “important to his decision-making process.” *Brazil*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42877, at \*13.

**2. The Remaining Plaintiffs Would Have Purchased the iPhone Despite any Alleged Omission on the iPhone Box**

All remaining Plaintiffs admitted that they would have purchased the iPhone

1 notwithstanding any allegedly omitted information on the iPhone box.

2 To prevail on the Selected Claims, Plaintiffs must prove damages *caused by* Apple’s  
 3 alleged omissions. **COLORADO:** *Friedman v. Dollar Thrifty Auto. Grp., Inc.*, 227 F. Supp. 3d  
 4 1192, 1204 (D. Colo. 2017) (“the CCPA requires a plaintiff to establish a causal nexus between  
 5 the allegedly deceptive practice and the consumer harm”) (quoting *Garcia v. Medved Chevrolet,*  
 6 *Inc.*, 263 P.3d 92, 96 (Colo. 2011)); **FLORIDA:** *Friedman*, 227 F. Supp. 3d at 1205 (“a  
 7 FDUTPA claim under Florida law ‘must allege that the deceptive act or unfair practice *actually*  
 8 *caused* plaintiff’s claimed damages’”) (citation omitted); *see also Montgomery v. New Piper*  
 9 *Aircraft, Inc.*, 209 F.R.D. 221, 229 (S.D. Fla. 2002) (“Therefore, in order to prove liability under  
 10 FDUTPA, the Court must determine that (1) each putative class member was exposed to the  
 11 Defendants’ advertising and marketing materials alleged to constitute a deceptive trade practice  
 12 and (2) if exposed, the advertising and marketing materials caused each putative class member  
 13 damage.”); **ILLINOIS:** *Zekman v. Direct Am. Marketers*, 695 N.E.2d 853, 861 (Ill. 1998)  
 14 (“plaintiff’s statement in his deposition that he did not read or pay the bills himself” entitled  
 15 defendant to summary judgment because “plaintiff could not have been misled by the allegedly  
 16 deceptive nature of the bills”); **WASHINGTON:** *Robinson*, 119, 22 P.3d at 826 (“A plaintiff  
 17 establishes the causation element of a CPA claim if he or she shows the trier of fact that he or she  
 18 relied upon a misrepresentation of fact.”).

19 Here, Plaintiffs cannot establish Apple’s alleged omissions caused their harm because  
 20 each Plaintiff made a purchasing decision independent of any information contained on the box.  
 21 Plaintiff Siegal (from Illinois) and Plaintiffs Muilenburg and Bon (from Washington) only looked  
 22 at the box *after* purchase. (Facts ¶ 4.) Plaintiff Bauer (from Colorado) *never* reads the “small  
 23 print” on iPhone boxes because “people don’t normally read” that. (*Id.*) And Plaintiff  
 24 Borzymowski (from Florida) made his purchase decision before ever seeing the box. (*Id.*)  
 25 Because Plaintiffs’ purchase decisions were made independent of the alleged omission on the  
 26 iPhone box, Plaintiffs cannot show that the alleged omission caused them any harm.

**D. Plaintiffs Cannot Support Their Injunctive Relief and Damages Claims**

**1. Plaintiffs Brown, Bauer, and Siegal Cannot Support Their Injunctive Relief Claims**

The Court previously determined in its motion to dismiss ruling that certain plaintiffs who had alleged that they intended to participate in Apple’s Multi-Touch Repair Program could assert injunctive relief claims against Apple. (ECF No. 103 at 15-18.) The Court dismissed injunctive relief claims against Plaintiffs who did not intend to participate in that program because they had “not alleged a threat of future injury sufficient to confer standing.” (*Id.* at 14.)

The injunctive relief claims of the three Plaintiffs (with a Selected Claim) that had survived the pleading stage must now also be dismissed. Although Plaintiffs Bauer, Brown, and Siegal alleged in the complaint their intent to participate in Apple’s Multi-Touch Repair Program, each Plaintiff admitted at deposition that they do not plan on participating in that program. (Facts ¶ 29.) These Plaintiffs therefore cannot raise a genuine dispute that could establish their entitlement to injunctive relief.

**2. Plaintiffs Borzymowski and Siegal Did Not Sustain any Actual Damages**

Finally, Plaintiffs Borzymowski and Siegal cannot show that they suffered any actual damages, as required to assert a FDUTPA and ICFDTPA claim. *See Reilly v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.*, 711 F. App’x 525, 530 (11th Cir. 2017) (“Proof of actual damages is necessary to sustain a FDUTPA claim.”) (citation omitted); *Avery v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 835 N.E.2d 801, 859 (Ill. 2005) (“A plaintiff must prove ‘actual damage’ before he or she can recover under the Act. That did not occur here. DeFrank’s own testimony establishes that, when he sold his truck to his brother-in-law, he received the same value for the truck that he would have received if only OEM parts had been used in the repair.”).

Plaintiff Borzymowski cannot show any actual damages because he received full value for his iPhone 6 Plus from a third-party purchaser, Gazelle.com. Borzymowski admitted he sold his iPhone to Gazelle after telling them it was in “good” condition and did not disclose any touchscreen issue to Gazelle. (Facts ¶ 31.) Gazelle even increased the purchase price of his used

1 iPhone from \$100 to \$115 after “[finding] it was in better condition than expected.” (Ex. Q.)  
2 Borzymowski admitted that he was incorrect in his allegation that Gazelle would have paid him  
3 more for his iPhone if not for the touchscreen defect. (Facts ¶ 31.)

4 Plaintiff Siegal cannot show any actual damages either because Siegal did not pay for his  
5 iPhone—his employer did. (*Id.* ¶ 30.) Siegal therefore suffered no harm at the “point of sale,” as  
6 required by Plaintiffs’ damages theory, because Siegal himself paid nothing for his iPhone.  
7 Although Siegal **alleged** he paid \$150 to Verizon to obtain a replacement phone, his Verizon  
8 records contradict that allegation, indicating that he received his replacement device for free.  
9 (*Id.*) Verizon’s records indicate that Siegal was not charged at the time he received a replacement  
10 device and that when he contacted Verizon on or about December 13, 2017 to request any  
11 documentation of such a payment, Verizon advised him there was “no charge.” (*Id.*) Consistent  
12 with Verizon’s records, Siegal produced no receipts showing he actually incurred a \$150 charge  
13 from Verizon for a replacement device. Because Siegal has no evidence to prove he incurred any  
14 actual damages caused by the alleged omission, Siegal’s claims must be dismissed.

## 15 VI. CONCLUSION

16 The Court should dismiss Plaintiffs’ Selected Claims because no evidence supports a  
17 finding that Plaintiffs’ iPhones suffer from the alleged “Touchscreen Defect.” Indeed, Apple has  
18 had no knowledge that “normal, everyday” bending causes the alleged “Touchscreen Defect”  
19 because its extensive testing showed the opposite—bending does **not** cause the alleged  
20 “Touchscreen Defect.” Apple cannot be liable for fraudulent concealment of any risk caused by  
21 dropping an iPhone because Apple affirmatively disclosed that dropping an iPhone can damage  
22 its sensitive electronic components. The Court should also dismiss Plaintiffs’ claims because the  
23 undisputed facts show that none relied on any alleged omission contained on the iPhone box.  
24 Moreover, the injunctive relief claims of Plaintiffs Bauer, Brown, and Siegal should be dismissed  
25 because they cannot show any future threat of injury. Plaintiff Borzymowski’s and Siegal’s  
26 claims should also be dismissed because they suffered no damages. The Court should therefore  
27 grant Apple’s motion for summary judgment on the Selected Claims.  
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